

Notes from UHRC Policy Group Meeting, 4/4

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Thanks for participating in last Thursday's UHRC Policy Group meeting. The following was discussed at the meeting:

UHRC Operations:

- The UHRC continued its operations from 7am to 5pm, Monday - Friday.
- LA County has identified one additional typhus case in DTLA in 2019. The affected individual is experiencing homelessness.

Venice and Globe Incident:

- LAPD provided an overview of a shooting that took place in the Venice and Globe encampment on April 2nd. LAPD has counted 34 individuals residing at the encampment, 15 of whom have expressed a need for additional services or an interest in shelter.

- LAPD has met with CD11, and the council office is planning to move forward with coordinating a Connect Day at the location. Additionally, the council office is exploring providing additional services, such as increasing dumpster services at the site and working to rapidly connect the individuals seeking services to additional resources.
- LAPD will continue narcotics focused enforcement at the site.
- LASAN reported out on the trash bag distribution pilot. While 48 bags have been delivered at the site, none have been returned as intended, and bags continued to be riffled through after distribution.

RV Protocols:

- LAPD discussed challenges with responding to RV concerns. Presently only one tow company - a heavy duty tow company - will remove RVs, and scheduling these tows takes approximately one week. After tows are completed, lots are typically too full to accept impounded RVs.
- LAPD reviewed new possible strategies for coordinating with LASAN and LAFD, and outreach for scheduling RV tows.

Data Collection & Analysis:

- Departments were made aware the UHRC and the Mayor's Office will be convening a General Managers meeting in the coming month to review UHRC data tracking and metrics.
- Departments will begin to prepare for this meeting by reviewing data tracking tools currently available, and identify any gaps in the collection and analysis of metrics previously discussed by the UHRC.

VHFHSZ and Enforcement:

- Updates were provided on the motion from CD3 and CD7 to allow LAPD to provide direct or posted notice in the VHFHSZ. Departments are working with the council offices to further develop the operational framework required to implement the motion. This framework will be brought to the UHRC Policy Group for feedback and consideration.

Schrader ABH Special Enforcement & Cleaning Zone:

- Departments reviewed the plan for operations at the Schrader site, where enhanced services will begin on April 8th.

New Action Items:

- UHRC will follow up with CD11 on Venice and Globe services and enforcement.
- LAHSA will connect with St. Joseph's Center on coordinating an outreach plan at Venice and Globe; LAPD is available to accompany outreach.
- RV protocol discussion is ongoing.

Outstanding Action Item(s):

- LAHSA will establish a process for tracking and recording their outreach efforts in the Schrader Focus Area where offers of shelter are made.
- The UHRC will be lead on fire season planning and coordination. Planning will take place as early as possible in anticipation of a high fire season.
- LASAN will provide metrics on collections from Venice and Globe.

The next meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, 4/4, at 1pm in the CENTCOM Room, 22nd Floor - City Hall. The agenda for tomorrow's meeting is attached. The only item on the agenda is a discussion of the roll-out of enhanced services in the Schrader Special Enforcement & Cleaning Zone.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I have missed (or misstated) anything from the meeting.

Thanks so much!

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